

Department of Pesticide Regulation

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County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT:

REORGANIZATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF

PESTICIDE REGULATION

In order to more effectively manage existing and new resources within the Division of Enforcement, Environmental Monitoring, and Data Management, I have approved a reorganization of the Division from two to three branches and the centralization of Division administrative services staff. With the addition of almost 40 new program staff over the last two years, it is apparent that three smaller branches can be more effectively managed than two larger branches, and centralization of administrative services staff will more efficiently serve the needs of the three branches. The reorganization will also unite the pesticide use reporting activities under one supervisor for more effective management of this important Department function.

Due to this structure change, the Environmental Monitoring and Pest Management Branch will change its name to the Environmental Monitoring Branch.

Elements of the Pesticide Enforcement, Environmental Monitoring, and Registration branches are being joined together to form the Pest Management and Licensing (PML) Branch. The structure of this new branch will be as follows:

- 1. All staff performing pesticide use reporting activities in the Environmental Monitoring and Pesticide Enforcement branches will be united under one supervisor in the PML Branch.
- 2. The licensing and certification functions will move from the Pesticide Enforcement Branch to the PML Branch.
- 3. The Pest Management and Analysis Program (PMAP) will move from the Environmental Monitoring Branch to the PML Branch. This will enable PMAP to work more closely with the licensing and certification staff to communicate the Department's pest management strategy to licensees.

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- 4. The Endangered Species Program will move from the Registration Branch to the PML Branch. A common function shared by these program elements is their outreach and training activities to counties, licensees, and other stakeholders.
- 5. The administrative services staff from the Pesticide Enforcement and Environmental Monitoring branches will be united into one unit under a Staff Services Manager who will report to the Assistant Director of the Enforcement, Environmental Monitoring, and Data Management Division. Centralization of these staff into one unit will more efficiently serve the needs of the three branches.

The Division reorganization will become effective after the two vacant Branch Chief positions (Pesticide Enforcement and PML branches) have been filled.

New beginnings, like this reorganization, can be exciting and energizing. Let us work together to implement the new organizational structure to accomplish our goals and objectives and to serve the public and regulated community.

Sincerely,

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